Mushrooming of Unrecognised Schools

777. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA
SHRI MOHAN SINGH :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made any study to identify the unrecognised schools being run unabatedly in different urban areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate a policy to check the mushrooming of such schools; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to check the same?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. Since education is on the concurrent list, the State Governments manage the school systems within their jurisdiction. State/UT Governments grant recognition to schools located in the respective States/ UT in accordance with relevant laws and Administrative Rules. The State Govts. are expected to carry out surveys and take necessary remedial action.

T.V. Tower Dibrugarh

778. SHRI NRIPEN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the height of the T.V. Tower at Dibrugarh, Assam in order to facilitate more viewers; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It would take about two to three years' time after sanctioning of the scheme, subject to availability of resources and other infrastructural facilities.

[Translation]

Conversion of National Highways into Four Lanes

779. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any action plan is under consideration of the Government to convert National Highways into four lanes;

(b) if so, the broad features of the action plan;

(c) whether the Agra-Mumbai National Highway No. 3 which is the main National Highway linking Delhi to Mumbai is also being included in the said action plan;

(d) whether the bypass road facility is also being made available to major cities such as Devas, Indore, Shajapur, Guna and Gwalior which fall on the Agra-Mumbai National Highway; and

(e) if so, the time by which and if not, the reasons therefor/?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. All reaches of National Highways where traffic volume exceeds 35,000 PCUs are proposed to be four laned. In the first instance, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has been entrusted with four lining of four corridors of National Highways joining four metropolitan of Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) It is proposed to be completed during the 9th Five Year Plan subject to availability of adequate resources.

[English]

Funds for Modernisation of Post Offices

780. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of amount spent on the modernisation of post Offices of Delhi Postal Circle during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government have received any complaints regarding misuse of funds allocated by the departmental officials by showing its proper utilisation on papers only;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government against such officers; and

(d) if not, whether the Government propose to conduct a CBI inquiry into this scam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA) : (a) The details of amount spent on modernisation of post offices in Delhi Circle during the last three years are as follows :

Year	Amount (In Rs.)
1995-96	1,41,55,291
1996-97	75,06,824
1997-98	34,86,634

(b) and (c) A complaint in this regard was received. The same was looked into in detail but the allegations could not be substantiated.

(d) the question of a CBI inquiry does not arise.